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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER The week was cold, with light snow at all stations. The lowest March temperatures of record occurred at many stations on the 11th. The latter part of the week was much warmer, and the snow all thawed except in the southeastern and east-central portions of the State, where from 3 to 5 inches remains on the ground. Most of the snow moisture was absorbed by the soil in the south-central and eastern portions of the State.

CROPS Winter wheat was well protected by the snow during the record breaking low temperatures of the past week, and so far no damage to the crop has been reported. Several reports indicated that most of the frost is out of the ground and it appears that most of the moisture from the snow will be absorbed by the soil, except possibly on some sloping land. Definite information on the condition of late planted wheat is not available, yet, but it should green-up soon now if there was no previous winter damage.

With the frost out, or nearly out, of the ground, and the large amount of moisture in the soil, reports indicate that the seeding of spring small grains may be delayed up to 2 weeks. Warm, clear weather with winds might dry the soil out for planting in less time. Ordinarily, spring planting of small grains starts about the 20th of March in southeastern Nebraska. There has been an unusually brisk demand for spring small grain seed.

Blocked and soft roads are preventing movement of grain to market. The movement of potatoes to market continues. Kimball County reports an interest in safflower. Preliminary reports indicate that planting may reach from 500 to 600 acres. Some counties report that the demand for commercial fertilizer exceeds the supply. Some flooding from ice jams is reported.

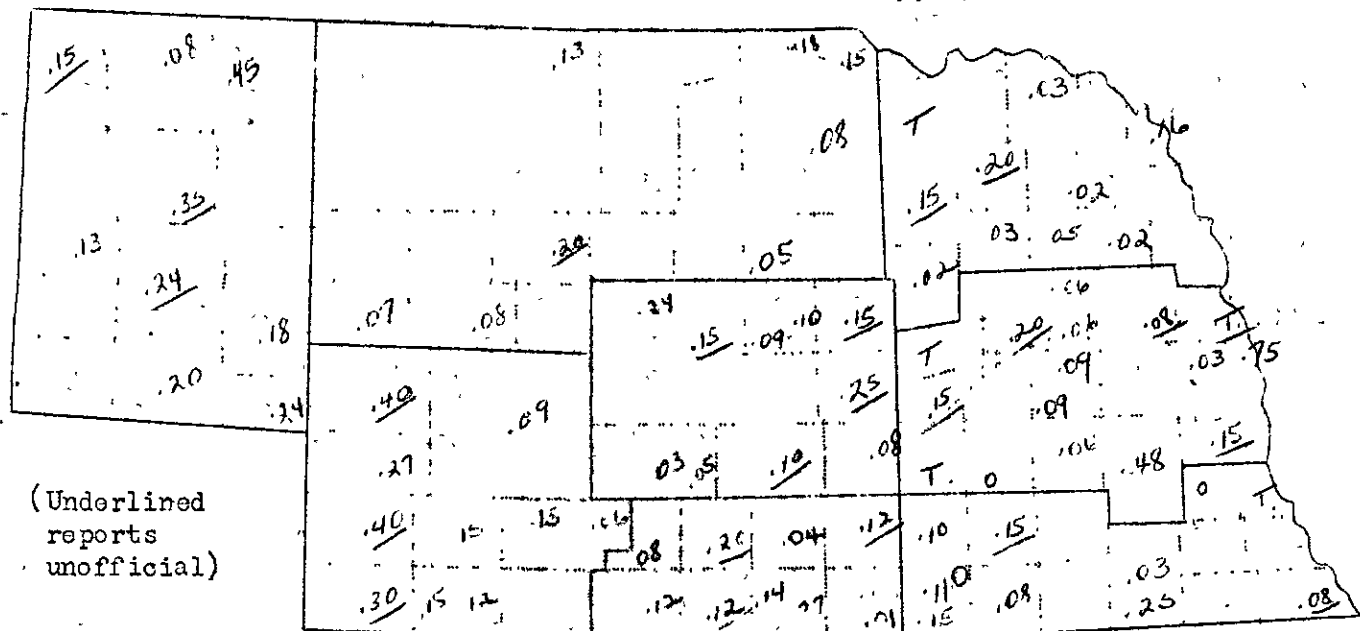
LIVESTOCK Comments indicate a heavy loss of young pigs farrowing during the recent period of low temperatures. Some losses of calves were also reported. Temperatures have been unfavorable for baby chicks and so far there is still hesitancy in buying baby chicks. Sheep fattened on wheat pastures in western Nebraska have been moving to market from time to time. Some livestock men from California have been in western Nebraska investigating the possibility of bringing cattle into the State for feeding. In some counties that sold off too many brood sows, there is an increasing demand for piggy sows. Some fat cattle are still being held for market. Some local shortages of hay may develop as a result of the recent cold wave; however, in most areas, hay is selling at a lower price. The soft condition of roads will tend to check marketing of fat hogs.

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WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 15, 1948.

<u>Eastern Division</u>		<u>Central Division</u>	<u>Western Division</u>		
Grand Island	.03	Burwell	.05	Chadron	.08
Lincoln	.08	North Platte	.08	Hayes Center	.15
Norfolk	.03	Valentine	.13	Scottsbluff	.11
Omaha	.01			Sidney	.13
Sioux City	.03				

PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 13, 1948



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HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (For 24 hours ending 6:30 a.m.)

		March		9th		10th		11th		12th		13th		14th		15th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	20	1	10	-5	8	-20	28	7	43	12	53	--	52	32		
	Scottsbluff	40	7	12	-3	9	-25	27	-5	46	11	55	24	53	26		
	Sidney	44	6	10	-2	3	-19	28	-2	48	10	55	24	58	27		
N-C	Burwell	33	3	12	--	2	-21	21	--	45	17	--	26	57	--		
	Valentine	16	1	7	-8	3	-25	21	-2	38	13	49	30	56	--		
NE	Norfolk	24	5	11	-3	2	-17	--	-4	41	10	37	25	46	28		
	Sioux City	22	5	13	-4	3	-16	11	-9	31	5	38	17	44	29		
Cen.	Grand Island	23	8	20	-2	3	-19	14	0	39	17	37	22	43	--		
E-C	Lincoln	26	10	14	-1	1	-13	11	-1	30	9	42	26	44	34		
	Omaha	22	8	15	-1	5	-14	12	-4	28	10	40	25	44	28		
SW	Hayes Center	30	8	22	-2	5	-15	18	3	44	7	52	26	55	31		
	North Platte	32	7	16	-3	4	-17	22	-3	40	8	48	24	50	28		

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